fed cryo engine has been successfully developed, which gives confidence for the realisation of the larger engine.

Supply of Muddy and Filthy Water in Mandir Marg Quarters

2615. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state.

(a) whether the drinking water being supplied in the Government quarters of Sector D, Mandir Marg, New Delhi is Muddy and filthy;

(b) if so, the number of times, the overhead tanks were cleaned by the CPWD/NDMC during the past three years from which drinking water supply is made to the residents;

(c) whether Government would take steps to ensure safe drinking water availability in Sector D, Mandir Marg; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) CPWD cleans the overhead tanks from which drinking water supply is made to the residents, every six months. Recently the overhead tanks were cleaned in July 1997.

(c) The CPWD has reported that the supply of drinking water is safe and satisfactory.

(d) Does not arise

Amendment to Urban Land Ceiling and Regulation Act by Gujarat Government

2616. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government are aware of an amendment made by the Gujarat Government to the Urban Land Ceiling and Regulation Act; and

(b) whether any permission for doing so was sought and given by the Central Government; if not, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) The Government of Gujarat have reported that they have not made any amendment to the Urban Land Ceiling and Regulation) Act, 1976.

(b) Question does not arise.

Underground space technology for civic amenities in Delhi

2617. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Mining Research Institute, Roorkee has been asked to undertake a scientific study for adopting underground space technology for civic utilising in and around Delhi;

(b) if so, whether they have already submitted a plan for construction of an underground bye-pass and godowns below the proposed express high way;

(c) whether Government are thinking of setting up an Underground Space Development Authority of

India to guide the country on policies of underground space development in an organised and efficient manner; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Relaxation in recruitment rules for regulation of executive engineers in C. P. W. D.

2618. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have relaxed the Recruitment Rules for regularising all the adhoc Executive Engineers, both Civil and Electrical, in CPWD;

(b) if so, the details of scheme, including the number of promotions from Assistant Engineer quota to Assistant Executive Engineer quota;

(c) what steps Government propose to take to implement the above scheme at the earliest; and

(d) the time limit fixed by Government to implement the above scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As given in the Statement enclosed (*See* below).

(c) Necessary proposals have already been sent to UPSC for EE (Civil) on 11.7.97 and EE (Elect.) on 14.7.97 for convening DPCs for regularisation.

(d) No time limit can be fixed as the UPSC is already seized of the matter.

STATEMENT

In acordance with the Rrecruitment Rules, as they stood prior to revision on 29.10.96, the posts of Executive Engineers were filled up 2/3rd from the Assistant Executive Engineers, (Group A) and 1/3rd by Assistant Engineers, (Group B). the number of AEEs recruited every year have generally been below the quota previously earmarked for them in order to ensure that these offices did not stagnate at higher levels. As a result, Assistant Engineers had to be promoted in excess of their quota due to adequate number of AEEs not being available for promotion to Executive Engineer level to fill up their quota. It has now been decided to divert 430 posts of EE(C) and 120 posts of EE(Elect.) falling in the promotional quota of Assistant Executive Engineers, as on 28.10.96, for which adequate number of AEEs were not available, to Assistant Enigneers by relaxation of Recruitment Rules. These carry over vacancies alongwith the current vacancies of these years will be filled up over 3 year period commencing from 1994-95 to 1996-97 (upto 28.10.1996). This would help in the regularisation of 430 EEs (C) and 120 EEs(E) who had been working as Executive Engineers on adhoc basis for varying periods of time.

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2619. **श्री नागमणि** : क्या शहरी कार्य और रोजगार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या दिल्ली विकास प्राधिकरण सामाजिक संस्थानों को रियायती दर पर भूमि उपलब्ध कराता है ;